

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office action of October 3, 2003 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-18 remain pending. New claims 19-21 have been added.

The Office Action states that the information disclosure statement filed 6/23/03 failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) in that Applicants only provided copies of "U.S. patents" cited in the information disclosure statement. Based on a review of the PTO-1449 form initialed by the Examiner and included with the Office Action, it is Applicants understanding that only the "other publications" were omitted from the original submission since each U.S. and foreign patent document cited in the PTO-1449 was initialed, but the "other publications" were crossed out. While Applicants believe that the "other publications" were actually submitted and included with the original submission, Applicants are resubmitting the "other publications" concurrently herewith in a supplemental information disclosure statement to ensure consideration and inclusion in the record.

Claims 1, 2 and 14 have been amended to correct a minor informality and to otherwise clarify the invention.

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. patent no. 6,271,840 to Finseth et al. ("Finseth"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1-3

Claim 1 calls for a computer user interface including, among other features, a plurality of document pages, at least two of the document pages including at least one link; at least one of the links having a property that indicates a display format for at least a respective one of the links; and the display format of the at least one respective link being based on the property indicating the display format. The action contends that Finseth shows all the features of independent claim 1. To show the claimed feature of a plurality of document pages and at least two of the document pages including at least one link, the action points to col. 9, ll. 19-39 and Fig. 6 of Finseth. Contrary to the action's assertion however, Finseth does not show, teach or suggest a computer user interface including a plurality of document pages and at least two of the document pages including at least one link. Rather, Fig. 6 of Finseth shows a dedicated graphical screen area 140

with a single rendered page 142 including an image with a hyperlink 150, a mere image 152, and text with hyperlink 154. For at least this reason, Finseth fails to show every element of the claim 1 invention.

Claims 2 and 3, which depend from claim 1, are patentable over Finseth for the same reasons as their base claim, and further in view of the novel features recited therein. For example, claim 3 calls for at least one of the links having a property indicating the display update latency of the at least one of the links. To show this feature, the action points to Fig. 3 of Finseth. Yet Fig. 3 of Finseth provides no teaching or suggestion of a link having a property indicating the display update latency of the link, much less any suggestion of display update latency.

Claim 4

Independent claim 4 calls for, among other features, in response to activation of a first link by a user, navigating to a document page and displaying the document page in a first display format, and in response to activation of a second link by a user, the second link being different than the first link and linking to the same page linked to by the first link, navigating to the linked-to document page and displaying the document page in a second display format, the second display format being different than the first display format. The action contends that col. 7, ll. 14-53 shows these elements of claim 4.

According to Finseth, a user 90 makes a search engine request 98 via a browser user interface 96. The search engine 110 conducts a search using the search engine database 116 and/or the webcrawler process 32. The associated media and URL information of the search results are passed to the web page renderer 52. Ultimately, the formatted and rendered web pages 38 are transmitted the browser user interface 96 and to the user 90.

Nowhere does Finseth teach or suggest the step of in response to activation of a second link by a user, *the second link being different than the first link and linking to the same page linked to by the first link*, navigating to the linked-to document page and displaying the document page in a second display format. For at least this reason, claim 4 is patentably distinct from Finseth.

Claims 5-18

The action contends that “claim 5 is directed to a computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for implementing the computer user interface of claim 1, and is rejected under the same rationale”. Action, p. 4. Applicants respectfully disagree with this characterization.

Independent claim 5 calls for, among other features, a computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the steps of: providing a plurality of *user interface document pages* to a user, at least one of the user interface document pages having at least one link; providing a plurality of *user content pages* to a user, at least one of the user content document pages having at least one link; and indicating via at least one link property a display format for at least one of the links on either the user interface document pages or the user content pages. Claim 1 does not specifically call for user interface document pages and user content pages. Thus, claim 5 does not simply implement the computer user interface of claim 1. More importantly, Finseth is wholly devoid of any teaching or suggestion of user interface document pages and user content pages, much less providing a plurality of user content pages and a plurality of user content pages. As similarly discussed with respect to claim 1, Finseth neither teaches nor suggests a plurality of document pages. Instead, in Fig. 6 Finseth shows a dedicated graphical screen area 140 with a single rendered page 142 including an image with a hyperlink 150, a mere image 152, and text with hyperlink 154.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Finseth fails to provide a teaching or suggestion of every element of claim 5. Thus, claims 5 and claims 6-18, which ultimately depend from claim 5, are patentably distinct from Finseth for at least these reasons and further in view of the additional advantageous features recited therein.

For example, claim 9 recites the step of using heuristics to automatically provide most-likely-to-use links to additional material. The action points to Col. 2, ll. 26-65 of Finseth to purportedly show this feature. That portion of Finseth merely describes conducting a search using a search engine and ultimately providing a list of hyperlinks to various web pages and not using heuristics to automatically provide most-likely-to-use links. In addition, claims 10-13,

which depend from claim 9, recite various different bases for providing at least one of the most-likely-to-use-links; none of which are even remotely taught or suggested by Finseth.

As another example, claim 14 recites the step of using heuristics to automatically provide a set of command choices to the user. Finseth is wholly devoid of any teaching or suggestion of using heuristics to provide *a set of command choices*. Necessarily, Finseth lacks a teaching or suggestion of including at least one command in the set of command choices based on the criteria set forth in claims 15-17, much less any criterion.

Finally, claim 18 calls for the step of displaying at least one link within an e-mail message document page, the associated link, upon activation, causing command code to be executed to perform an operation selected from the group consisting of: reply, reply to all, forward, and delete. Finseth is totally silent with respect displaying at least one link in email message document page and any of the enumerated actions that occur upon activation.

Claims 19-21

New claims 19-21 are fully supported by the specification and allowable over the art of record.

CONCLUSION

A Fee Transmittal is attached. If any additional fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

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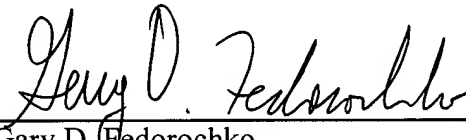
All rejections having been addressed, applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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